

## Crystallography Open Database for teaching

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### Crystallography Open Database

Largest open-access resource on chemical crystallography

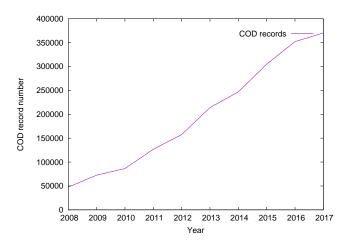


http://www.crystallography.net/

- ► Total >**380 000** records:
- Grows about 30-50 thous. records/year;

### COD persistence

COD is on-line since 2003, growing all the time.



### COD accessibility

COD is a **fully open-access database**. All records are available under public domain designation.

Every crystallographer can contribute data to COD (and many do ;).

Provided access methods are:

- Web search
- URLs constructed from stable identifiers
- RESTful interfaces
- Full data download



# Use of COD for teaching crystallography

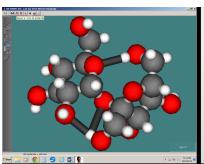
We can and may use COD for teaching in following ways:

- as a source of crystallographic information to illustrate concepts of crystallography;
- as a programmatically accessible resource to teach data processing and management skills on real-life sized repositories;
- as an goal in itself students can participate in COD co-development;



### 3D printing of models

Use COD to produce 3D Virtual reality descriptions and to eventually make 3D printed models [Kaminsky et al., 2014, Gražulis et al., 2015]:







### Personal story: Andrius Merkys

- Defended his BSc in Bioinformatics (Vilnius University), designed and implemented data deposition interface for the Crystallography Open Database;
- Defended master thesis with honours (Vilnius University), providing the Crystallography Open Database as a source of data for MM model refinement:
- ► Part of results published together with the group of Garib Murshudov [Long et al., 2017];

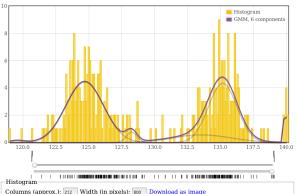


### Models in the COD geometry browser

http://www.crystallography.net/geometry/cgi-bin/histogram.pl?class\_id=3313-3313-3313

Search order by class name (ascending) order by observation count (descending)

Distribution of c(cCH)2(H) - c(cCH)2(H) - c(cCH)2(H) angles



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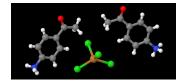
### Personal story: Antanas Vaitkus

- Defended his BSc in Bioinformatics (Vilnius University), on the analysis of interatomic distance distributions in the COD;
- Defended his master thesis (with highest evaluation) on the analysis of metal coordination sphere geometries in COD;
- Works on the PhD thesis; topic: extraction of chemical knowledge from open Web resources and linking them with the COD;

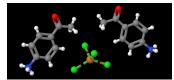


## Comprehension of chemical information

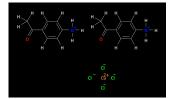
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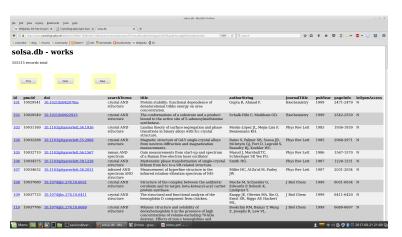
### Personal story: Mélanie Lailler

- Engineer in training at ISTP, in Saint-Etienne (France);
- Visited Vilnius University for 2 months as a part of her internship program;
- ▶ In the 2 months, using the open EuropePMC resource, covered software development topics:
  - version control (Subversion);
  - software testing using Make, unite tests, test coverage;
  - software release cycle management;
  - wrote and released a finished program that is planned to be used further for data management int COD and ROD;



## Raman spectra and mineral structures in literature

Automated searches in the open-access EuropePMC resource:





### SOLSA project and COD



#### COD will be used in SOLSA for:

- mineral identification;
- subsequent data dissemination.

SOLSA data flow diagram courtesy Monique Le Guen, ERAMET.



#### Contributions of students

- ► A.V.: design of the CIF dictionaries for Raman, IR, Hyperspectral image databases;
- ► A.M.: launching and curation of the ROD, HOD and spectral databases;
- M.L.: performed a literature search for potential publications with Raman spectra and crystal structures useful for mineral identification;



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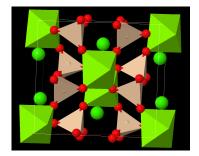
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